(*f*) & (*g*) The doubts raised by certain presidents of district boards in regard to the applicability of G.O. No. 4471, L. & M., dated the 6th October 1934, after the issue of G.O. No. 1510, L. & M., dated the 15th April 1935, were removed by the issue of G.O. No. 3314, L. & M., dated the 16th August 1935 (copy placed on the table) [a], with reference to which the leave salary regularly drawn by ex-taluk board servants after they were absorbed in district board service, is not liable to be recovered from them.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) Does not arise.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder :—" Sir, in answer to clauses (*f*) and (*g*) the Government have said: 'The doubts raised by *certain* presidents of district boards . . .' May I know how many presidents of district boards have raised doubts with regard to this matter? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" I am afraid the information is not available with me."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Appointment of a candidate as Commissioner of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board from outside the list submitted by the Selection Committee.

* 250 *Q*.—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have not appointed as Commissioner of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board a candidate who was selected by the Committee constituted for the selection of candidates for the post;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a certain Government official has been appointed in his place;

(*c*) if so, what is the pay of the officer at present and what is the pay he will draw as Commissioner; and

(*d*) what is the amount of contribution payable towards his pension?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 36.

(*c*) The pay of Mr. Padmagirisa Ayyar who has been appointed as one of the Commissioners was Rs. 550 per mensem. His present pay as a Commissioner of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board is Rs. 650 per mensem.

(*d*) The rate of contribution payable towards the pension of the officer is Rs. 93-8-0 per mensem from the date of his relief in Government service and Rs. 102 per mensem from 1st April 1936 onwards.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI (2) on pages 113–114 infra.

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Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know the special reasons for borrowing the services of Mr. Padmagirisa Ayyar from Government when several other qualified Brahmans were available from outside Government service for appointment as Commissioner of the Endowments Board?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"The Government thought that the candidate selected by the Committee was too old and as it would take a considerable time to call for further recommendations or appoint a fresh committee, in the interests of the Board they appointed an official."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Is it not a fact that the Religious Endowments Board is not financially in a sound position and if so, what are the special reasons for appointing this officer at a cost of about Rs. 200 more than the maximum fixed for the pay of a Commissioner?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"The special reasons are that he was a Government official and when a Government official is lent on foreign service he should be given a special pay."

Sanitary Engineering

Obligation on the part of municipalities to consult the Sanitary Engineer to Government in making appointments in the Works Department.

* 251 *Q.*—Mr. P. Ratnavelu Thevar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that no person could be appointed to a post with a maximum salary of not less than Rs. 50 in the Public Works Department of a municipality except in consultation with the Sanitary Engineer to the Government?

A.—Yes.

Improvements to the water-works of the Coonoor Municipality.

* 252 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Coonoor Municipality has applied for a loan of two lakhs of rupees to improve its water-supply;

(*b*) whether the site for locating the water storage tank has been decided by the Council and whether it has been approved by the Sanitary Engineer;

(*c*) what the present storage capacity is of the two water tanks of this Municipality and what will be the storage capacity of the proposed one and whether the water-supply will be enough to meet the demand in view of the restricted supply during the season months this year; and

(*d*) whether the municipal council proposes to carry out the works departmentally or by contractors inviting tenders?